above mentioned inputs up to 75 days from the date of clearance issued by the Ministry. This revision is allowed only for projects which are still in the tendering process.

Implementation of Bharat Nirman Scheme in Goa

1829. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Nirman Scheme is implemented in Goa; and

(b) if so, the details of the project approved and financial assistance granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) Bharat Nirman was conceived as a business plan to be implemented over a period of four years *i.e.* 2005-09 for building rural infrastructure in all the States including Goa. It has six components which includes bringing additional 1 crore hectares under assured irrigation, connect all villages with population of 1000 (500 in hilly/tribal areas) with road, construct 60 lakh additional houses for the poor, to provide drinking water to all uncovered habitations and address the quality problems, to provide electricity to all the villages and to give telephone connectivity to the remaining villages. The rural roads, rural housing and rural drinking water supply components of Bharat Nirman are being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.

Under Bharat Nirman for rural housing, central funds of the order of Rs. 615.86 lakh has been released to Goa upto November, 2008 and the State Government has reported to have constructed 2898 houses for the rural poor. Rural roads target is to upgrade 760.46 km. of existing roads for which the State Government has been requested to submit the Detailed Project Report (DPRs). For Rural Drinking Water Supply, Central Government has released Rs. 476.05 lakh covering 3 habitations under Safe Drinking Water Supply. An amount of Rs. 49.5 crore has been released and an area of 9981 hectares is reported to have brought under assured irrigation.

Social Security number to beneficiaries of welfare schemes

†1830. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of persons getting benefits under various welfare schemes and the number of persons living Below Poverty Line among them;

(b) the steps taken to allot Social Security Number to all the end users in order to ensure that all such persons can avail of all the benefits under these schemes;

(c) whether Government intend to evolve a mechanism for allotment of exclusive Social Security Number to each individual and prepare a nationwide database for his proper identification and verification and also for making improvement in the targets set for these schemes; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.